

## COMMON BUCKTHORN & GLOSSY BUCKTHORN

Rhamnus cathartica & Rhamnus frangula

BASIC ID Both shrubs can reach 20' tall and have dark bark with silvery marks called lenticels. Common has dull, green, toothed-edged leaves and female plants have dark fruits in fall and winter. The Glossy's leaves are untoothed and shiny on top.

HISTORY Native to Eurasia, both were introduced in North America as ornamentals. Wellestablished and spread by seed in WI, they form dense thickets in southern woodlands.

## MANAGEMENT

Cut and apply herbicide to trunk in late summer through late winter.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/invasive/

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